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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR MACOMBER

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1. DEPUTY PRIMIN TURKES (CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY-NAP) RESPONDED MAY 22 TO THE REFERENCE IN GREEK PRIMIN CARAMANLIS' LETTER TO PRIMIN DEMIREL ABOUT A PREVIOUS TURKES STATEMENT ON THE AEGEAN (REFTEL). TURKES COMPLIMENTED CARAMANLIS AS AN " EXPERIENCED AND FAR-SIGHTED STATEMAN" WHO HAD HELPED SETTLE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BY SIGNING THE LONDON AND ZURICH AGREEMENTS.

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2. TURNING TO THE AEGEAN SITUATION, TURKES LIKENED THE CURRENT

MILITARIZATION OF THE OFF-SHORE GREEK ISLANDS TO THE PREPARATIONS WHICH

PROCEEDED THE 1919 INVASION OF ANATOLIA AND WARNED THAT IT WAS " IMPOSSIBLE TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTER-NATIONAL AGREEMENTS OR TO THE ADVENTUROUS AND IRRESPONSIBLE STANCE AIMED AT MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR TURKEY TO BREATHE IN THE AEGEAN BY USING THE AEGEAN ISLANDS UNDER OUR NOSE WHICH ARE A NATURAL EXTENSION OF ANATOLIA." TURKES SAID THAT TURKEY DESIRED A " SINCERE FRIENDSHIP" WITH GREECE BUT COULD NOT " ACCEDE TO THESE ISLANDS BEING TURNED INTO ARMED MILITARY BASES." HE CALLED ON GREECE TO " STOP THREATENING TURKEY AND RUNNING WORLD-WIDE, ANTI-TURKISH ACTIVITIES" AND TO " QUICKLY ADOPT A REALISTIC STANCE FOR THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS." MACOMBER

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